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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: claims 1-9 (partially), 10-17, 23 (partially)

assay device (and method) whereby the "sample presence signal generation means" comprises a coloured portion which is overlaid by a material which when dry is opaque and when wet, becomes sufficiently translucent or transparent to allow the coloured portion to become visible to the user.

1.1. Claims: Claims 1-9 (partially), 18-19, 23 (partially)

assay device whereby the "sample presence signal generation means" comprises a mobilisable detectable material, which when wetted by the liquid sample is carried by it resulting in a streaked line.

1.2. Claims: Claims 1-9 (partially), 20-22, 23 (partially)

assay device whereby the "sample presence signal generation means" comprises a colour changing material immobilised thereon and which undergoes a change in its visible properties upon wetting.

Please note that all inventions mentioned under item 1, although not necessarily linked by a common inventive concept, could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee.

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